

**WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) released the following statement today after the Department of Labor released its jobs report for May:**

“While we continued to see the private sector add jobs for the twenty-seventh straight month, our unemployment rate has slipped back up to 8.2 percent from the three-year record low of 8.1 percent last month. While the President and Democrats in Congress have been promoting a jobs-first agenda to provide certainty to American businesses and workers, Republicans continue to avoid addressing serious job creation in favor of ideological bills.

“In May, Congress was able to come together to pass a bipartisan reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank, which is a component of Democrats’ Make It In America plan for creating jobs and boosting economic competitiveness. I hope that both parties revisit that spirit of bipartisanship and work to pass other Make It In America bills soon so we can get more Marylanders back to work.”